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Dear Howard (Dick), If you didn't catch Rusk on an NBC TV Special last night, excerpts broadcast on the Today Show and troughout the day by most radio stations (what I heard was the confession of his own underestimation of NVN "determination") you should ask NBC for a transcript. It is clear tye man did not know what was going on. The alternative, that he was dishonest beyond concept, I do not believe. He spouted the pure military line, all the propaganda, with obvious conviction. He had no idea of the early history, etc. This is consistent with his past. He was on Joe Stilwell's staff during WWII, where he succeeded Bob Castorr (!!!) who is my source, and was then wrong, then in the gang that opposed Stilwell, then had a "red" phobia and supported the worthless, non-fighting Chiang and opposed the peasant-red armies that actually fought the Japanese. I think that while you may not agree with my hunch that he just didn't know, you ought to read it for yourself. HW